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1. WE ARE INCLINED TO AGREE WITH UK VIEW THAT LACK
OF INVITATIONS TO OBSERVERS FOR MANEUVER OF BOLD GUARD
SIZE MIGHT ADVERSELY AFFECT FORTHCOMING IMAGE ALLIES
WISH TO PORTRAY AS THEY PREPARE FOR MADRID. IF FRG
FEELS ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN SURROUNDING INVITATIONS TO

FOUR MANEUVERS WITHIN THE SAME RELATIVE TIMESPAN WOULD BE TOO GREAT, MISSION MAY CONCUR IN OMITTING INVITATION FOR ONE OF THE OTHERS (CERTAIN SHIELD, BLAUE DONAU OR SAXON DRIVE). ALTERNATIVELY, MISSION SHOULD INQUIRE WHETHER DANES MIGHT INVITE OBSERVERS TO JUTLAND PORTION OF BOLD GUARD. WE ARE INTERESTED IN FRG POINT CONCERNING MILITARY SENSITIVITY OF BOLD GUARD SINCE WE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT WARSAW PACT HAS ALTERNATIVE MEANS FOR MILITARY OBSERVATION OF THIS MANEUVER. AS APPROPRIATE, MISSION SHOULD SEEK FRG CLARIFICATION.

2. WE HAVE NO COMMENTS ON NETHERLANDS DRAFT NOTIFICATION TEXTS. CONCERNING THE FRG, "TROOPS" RATHER THAN

"PERSONNEL" SHOULD BE USED WHEN DESCRIBING TOTAL PARTICIPANTS TO MAINTAIN CONSISTENCY WITH HELSINKI LANGUAGE.

3. U.S. DRAFT NOTIFICATIONS FOR BLAUE DONAU, CERTAIN SHIELD AND SAXON DRIVE WILL BE SENT SEPTTEL.

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